

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE NOTICE OF PURCHASED GAS)
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF WESTERN) CASE NO. 95-010-ZZ
KENTUCKY GAS COMPANY)

O R D E R

On September 29, 1995, in Case No. 95-010, the Commission approved adjusted rates for Western Kentucky Gas Company ("Western"), with their further adjustment to be made in accordance with the monthly gas cost adjustment ("GCA") approved in the final Order in Case No. 92-558.¹

On December 1, 1999, Western filed its monthly GCA to be effective from January 1, 2000 to January 31, 2000.

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Western's notice proposes revised rates designed to pass to its firm sales customers an expected wholesale decrease in gas costs. Western's expected gas cost ("EGC") for firm sales customers is \$3.2170 per Mcf, a decrease of 48.29 cents per Mcf from the previous EGC. The EGC proposed for high load factor ("HLF") firm customers is \$2.6603 per Mcf.

¹ Case No. 92-558, In the Matter of Limited Rate Change of Western Kentucky Gas Company, Order dated November 20, 1995.

Western also proposes to pass to its interruptible customers a wholesale decrease in gas costs. Western's proposed EGC for interruptible sales customers is \$2.6603 per Mcf.

2. Western's proposal set out a current period refund adjustment (RF) of .28 cents per Mcf for firm and interruptible sales customers. This is intended to return supplier refunds in the amount of \$73,960, including interest, to Western's customers. The total refund factors of 4.80 cents per Mcf for firm sales customers and HLF customers and 1.78 cents per Mcf for interruptible customers reflect the current adjustments as well as adjustments from previous months.

Total refund adjustments for T-2 firm and T-2 interruptible transportation customers are 4.12 cents per Mcf and 1.10 cents per Mcf, respectively.

3. Western's notice set out no correction factor ("CF") for this period. The current CF of (22.39) cents per Mcf will remain in effect until April 1, 2000. The CF is designed to return net over-collections of gas cost from the six-month period ending June 30, 1999.

4. Western's notice sets out its Performance Based Rate Recovery Factor (PBRF) of 2.47 cents per Mcf to be effective for the 12-month period beginning February 1, 1999.

5. These adjustments produce gas cost adjustments of \$(.4633) per Mcf for firm sales customers, (\$1.0200) per Mcf for HLF customers, and \$(.2080) per Mcf for interruptible sales customers. The impact on firm sales customers bills is a decrease of (48.57) cents per Mcf from the previous gas cost adjustment of \$.0224.

6. The rate adjustments in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, in the public interest, and should be effective for final meter readings on and after January 1, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable and are approved effective for final meter readings on and after January 1, 2000.

2. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Western shall file with the Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized in this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 16th day of December, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 95-010-ZZ DATED DECEMBER 16, 1999

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Western Kentucky Gas Company. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

RATES:

Applicable to: General Sales Service Rate G-1

Gas Cost Adjustment

To each bill rendered under the above-named rate schedules there shall be added an amount equal to: \$(.4633) per Mcf of gas used during the billing period.

Applicable to: HLF General Sales Service

Gas Cost Adjustment

To each bill rendered under the above-named rate schedules there shall be added an amount equal to: (\$1.0200) per Mcf of gas used during the billing period.

Applicable to: Interruptible Sales Service Rate G-2

Gas Cost Adjustment

To each bill rendered under the above-named rate schedules there shall be added an amount equal to: \$(.2080) per Mcf of gas used during the billing period.